

CHRISTIAN P. AND CAROLINE
KOFFORD CHRISTENSEN



Christian Peter Christensen was born April 10, 1839 in Lundby, Aalborg, Denmark to

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Anders and Karen Sorensen Bech Christensen. He married Caroline Kofford January 2, 1865. They were the parents of 11 children, six of whom grew to maturity: Joseph, Christian, Emma (Mrs. Frank Carlile), Tressa (Mrs. William McDonald), Hyrum who married Lila Thompson and Maria, who married Noah Giles.

Christian P. Christensen was born the son of a school teacher and a choir singer, but his father died when the lad was only three, and so he barely knew him. His mother and her children joined the LDS Church in 1856 and after the Aalborg Conference in 1857 she and Christian's brothers left for America. Chris remained in Denmark until 1863, arriving in Salt Lake the fall of that year. He never saw his mother as she died and was buried at an unknown place on the plains.

After his marriage in 1865 he assisted in sawing the lumber used in the construction of the Salt Lake Tabernacle. In 1867 he was called to the Muddy in Southern Utah and assisted in the colonization there. When this colony broke up during the Blackhawk War, he and his wife returned to Lehi where their first child was born and died.

In 1870 they came to Provo Valley and built a log cabin on the corner west of William Lindsay. Chris did any kind of work available, including peddling milk, butter and eggs to Park City. He worked for President Abram Hatch on his farm for a number of years, and then sold his home and moved to Park City. There he worked for James Watson on a dairy farm supplying milk to the miners. His family grew larger and so in 1886 he moved to the Hatch farm in Center Creek and worked it on shares. His family was not blessed with money and worldly goods, but he worked hard and managed to make a living. Gradually he accumulated enough to purchase the farm adjoining the Hatch place, paying \$20 an acre for it.

He signed a note with Bishop Hugh W. Harvey for the property, and by hard work and saving was able to pay off the note in three years.

Devout in his Church work, Christian would walk two miles from his home to Center Creek every month to do his ward teaching. As long as he was able he never missed a month of visiting, going with his lantern in all kinds of weather.

He spent 37 years in Center Creek, and when he died, the Wasatch Wave said of

him "Among all his acquaintances, we do not know of one who did not have a good word to say of Chris."

Caroline, who was born in Arnagor, Barnholm, Denmark, June 18, 1847, was a daughter of James and Margaret Kofford. She was only eight years old when her father was drowned. She had to help her mother care for her younger sisters, and also help make preparations to come to America. In the journey across the plains she walked on barefeet that were cut and bleeding, but was so brave and considerate of her widowed mother that she never complained.

After her marriage she worked hard to support her husband. She was adept at making cheese, and would sell whatever she could to get a little ready cash. She was an excellent seamstress, and made many of the dresses worn by babies at their christenings. Many others would place their orders months in advance to give her time to do an extra special job. She always took an active part in Relief Society and was known for her goodness to the poor and needy. She died May 10, 1917 at her home in Center Creek.

Obituary



Dale H. Christensen

Beloved son, brother, uncle, and friend, Dale Harold Christensen, 30, passed away Dec. 6, 1993 in Salt Lake City.

Born Jan. 21, 1963 in Heber City, a son of Harold R. and Dorothy Sevy Christensen. Graduate of Wasatch High School and worked for the Utah Liquor Commission. Loved the outdoors, camping, golfing, and photography.

Survived by his parents, Heber; sisters, Cathryn (Phil) Saxton, North Salt Lake; Lila Mae (Kelly) Thompson, Rexburg, ID, and Connie Christensen, Salt Lake City; a special friend, Brian Maddocks, and several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by a sister, Linda Brandt.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Dec. 10, at the Wasatch Lawn Mortuary Chapel, 3401 Highland Drive, Salt Lake City, at 12 noon. Interment will be in the Heber City Cemetery.

Garold Christensen
or
Phyllis Jordan



HAROLD AND DOROTHY CHRISTENSEN

Harold Ray Christensen was born April 21, 1924, in Lake Creek, Wasatch County, Utah, a son of Hyrum Andrew and Lila Thompson Christensen. He was the third child in a family of five. Ellen, LaMar, Garold and Russell are his sister and brothers. He grew up on a farm in Lake Creek where his father also raised sheep. When Harold grew to manhood, he became a partner in his father's

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business. For many years the "Christensen Brothers" had a large dairy farm which they later sold. After the cows and equipment were disposed of, the brothers began operating the sheep business as partners. After several years, each one took his share of the sheep and became independent.

Harold attended Central Elementary School in Heber and then Wasatch High School. He excelled in sports, especially in basketball and football and he participated in sports activities long after he left school. He played as pitcher on Heber's baseball team from 1946 until it disbanded. He also played on the American Legion Basketball team and his team took the State Legion Championship. In 1949 he became a member of the Heber Valley Riding Club. He loved horses and wanted to rope calves. After he had worked hard and had become very good at this, he started to rope professionally. He was a member of the R.C.A. and the R.M.R.A. In 1956 he won the state roping championship and was presented with a trophy and a silver buckle. He and his trained horse, "Little Black Belle," were known on the rodeo circuits throughout the West. Belle and her son, Keno Blanton, were the beginning of Harold's quarterhorse stock which now consists of 25 registered quarterhorses that he loves to work with.

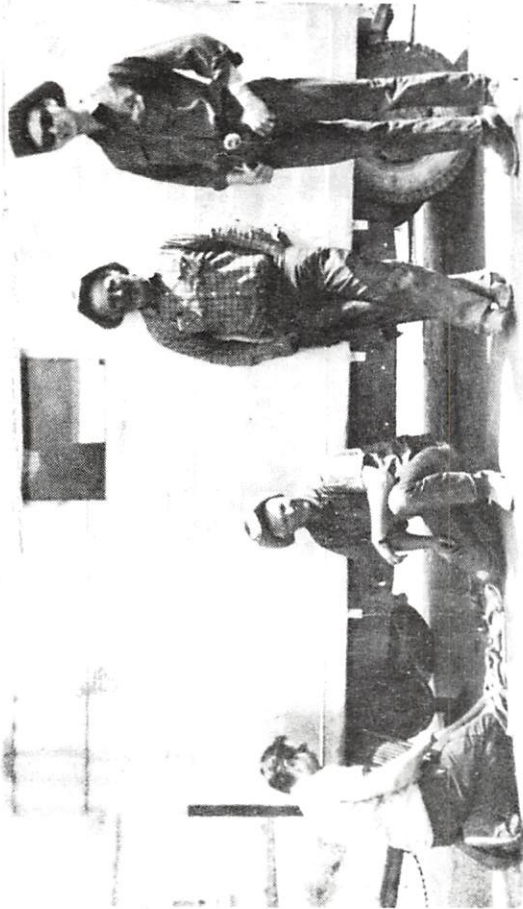
Harold was baptized June 12, 1932. On March 15, 1943 he married Dorothy Agnes Sevy in Salt Lake City. Their marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple March 15, 1962.

Dorothy was born April 17, 1927, in Heber City, a daughter of Wendell Clark and Ora Mae Coleman Sevy. She lived in Panquitch, Utah, until she was four years old when her parents moved to a farm in Heber. She attended Central Elementary School and Wasatch High School. She was interested in music in school. She played the accordion and sang with a quartet in school assemblies and church functions.

A few months after their marriage, Harold was drafted into the service in World War II, (November 23, 1943), and for the next two years he served in the United States Navy aboard the aircraft carrier "Saratoga." He was in the battles at Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and raids on Japan. Dorothy went with him when he was stationed stateside. They lived in Wahpeton, North Dakota, Bremerton, Washington, and Oakland, California. After Harold's discharge, they settled in Heber in the Third Ward.

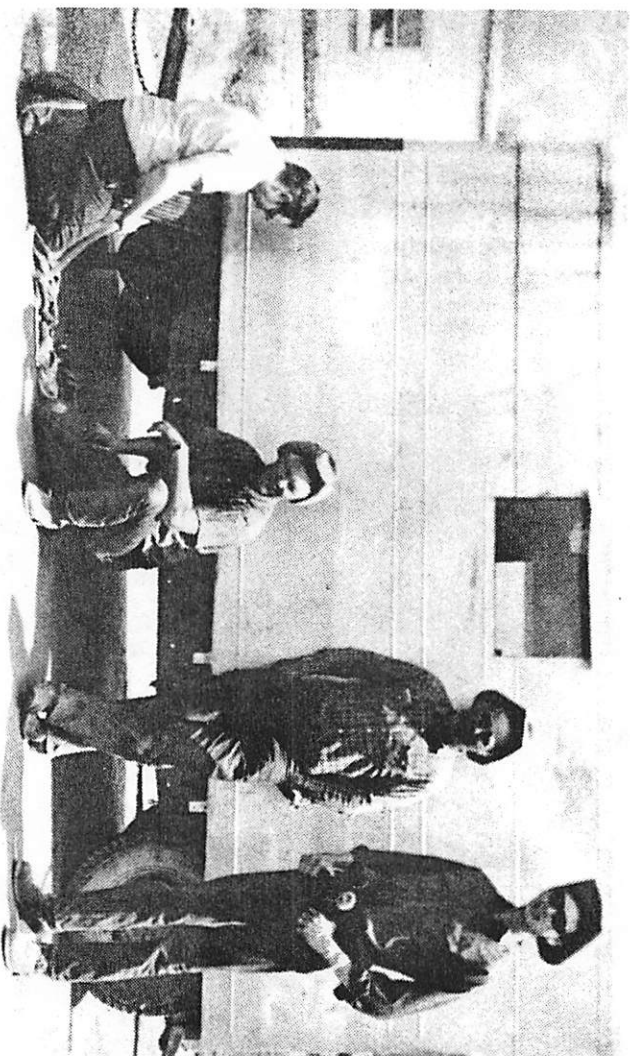
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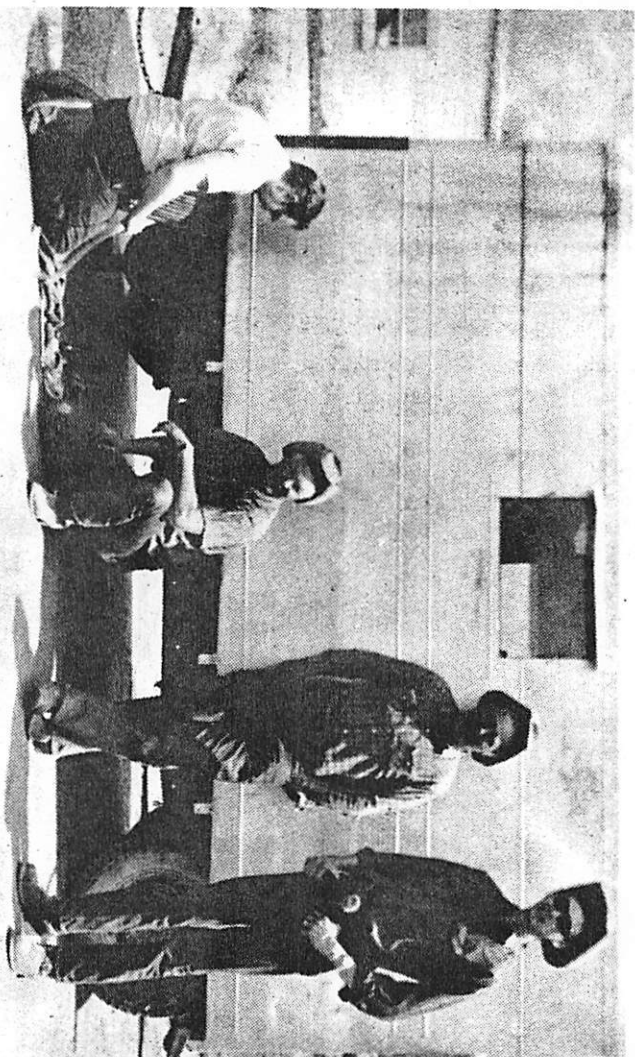
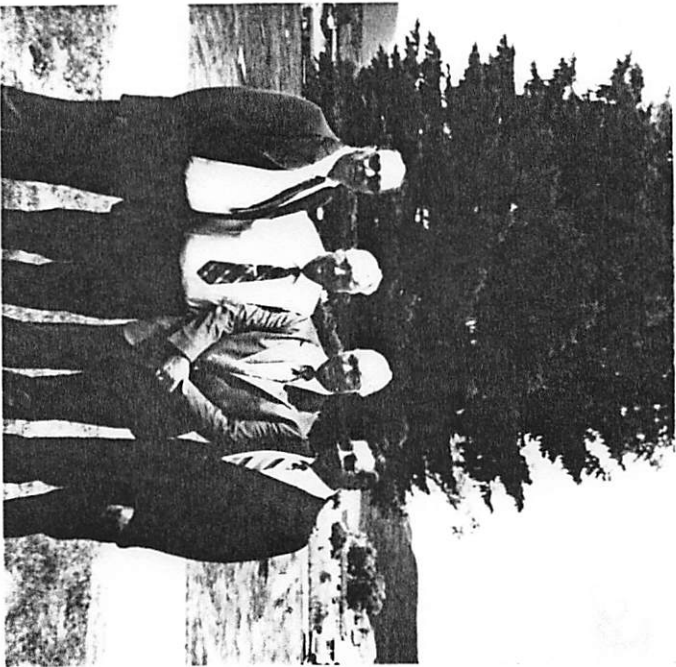




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Heber, Jan. 5, 1970